IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE **REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 12/10/03** Atty. Docket No. UTEX1100-3 **Applicant** APR 1 5 2004 Kurt A. Schroder Date Filed **Application Number** 09/773,757 01/29/01 Title **Impact Instrument** Group Art Unit Examiner 3723 Meislin, Debra A. Confirmation Number: 1084

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In response to the Official Action mailed December 10, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the Claims in view of the this reply.

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